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April 28, 2003

Chairman Sara Kyle
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**RE: In Re: Small Telephone Companies Tariff Filings Regarding Reclassification
of Pay Telephone Service as Required by Federal Communications
Commission, FCC Docket 96-128
Docket No. 97-01181**

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed is an original and thirteen copies of the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General's Comments on Settlement Between the Coalition of Tennessee Small Local Exchange Companies and the Tennessee Payphone Owners Association for filing in the above-referenced matter. If you have any questions, kindly contact me at (615) 532-3382. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shilina B. Chatterjee".

Shilina B. Chatterjee
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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: SMALL TELEPHONE
COMPANIES TARIFF FILINGS
REGARDING
RECLASSIFICATION OF PAY
TELEPHONE SERVICE AS
REQUIRED BY FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION
FCC Docket 96-128**

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Docket 97-01181

**CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND PROTECTION DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COMMENTS ON SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE
COALITION OF TENNESSEE SMALL LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANIES AND THE
TENNESSEE PAYPHONE OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

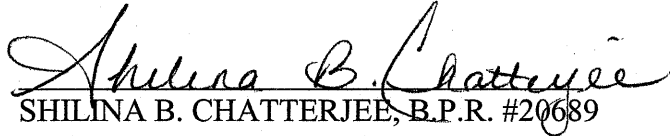
The Attorney General's Office, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("CAPD"), participates as an intervener in this matter before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA").

The CAPD submits these comments in response to a Notice issued by Pre-Hearing Officer Lynn Questell on April 23, 2003. The Pre-Hearing Officer requested that comments be filed by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General by Monday, April 28, 2003 concerning the settlement reached by the Coalition of Tennessee Small Local Exchange Companies and the Tennessee Payphone Owners Association.

The CAPD has not completed its review of the proposed settlement. Consequently, the

CAPD does not have comments to make at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shilina B. Chatterjee".

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail, facsimile or hand delivery on April 28, 2003.

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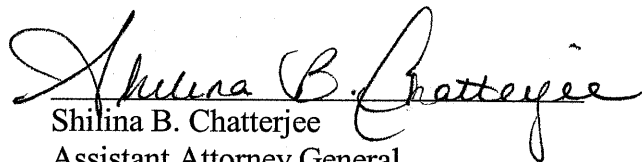
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